GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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MAINTENANCE OF HISTORICAL MONUMENTS
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a),(b),(c),(d),(e),(f)&(g) whether the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has entrusted the responsibility of maintenance of some historical heritages to the private companies;if so, the details thereof;the total number of historical heritage sites in the country being maintained by ASI at present, State-wise;;whether ASI has been entrusted with the responsibility to maintain some historical heritages abroad also;if so, the details thereof;whether at present ASI is facing shortage of funds; andif not, the total amount spent by ASI for maintenance of historical heritages during fiscal year 2007-08?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE(SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) to (g) A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (g) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO. 455 FOR 24.04.2008 REGARDING MAINTENANCE OF HISTORICAL MONUMENTS

(a)(b) Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has not entrusted any centrally protected monument for maintenance to the private companies. Does not arise.

(c) The total number of monuments / sites declared protected and maintained by the Archaeological Survey of India is 3667. The State-wise list is at Annexure.

(d)&(e) ASI has not been entrusted with the responsibility of maintaining any historical heritage buildings abroad.However,conservation of Ta Prohm Temple in Cambodia has been entrusted to ASI by the Ministry of External Affairs under the ITEC Programme.

(f)& (g) Availability of funds has improved over the past 3 years due to higher budgetary allocation. The details of expenditure incurred during the last three years for conservation, restoration, maintenance and environmental development are as under.

Sl. No.	Year	Amount(Rs. In Crores)
1.	2005-06	101.95
2.	2006-07	108.17
3.	2007-08	128.86